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SUBJECT: RPF THREATS TO ICRC FOOD SHIPMENTS

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1. AF/C CALLED RPF REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDE DUSAIDI TO MAKE KNOWN OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE ICRC'S CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES WITH ITS FOOD SHIPMENTS TO RWANDA (REFTEL). WE REQUESTED HE CONTACT THE RPF LEADERSHIP AND ASK THEM TO RESOLVE THE MATTER ONCE AND FOR ALL. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE OTHER PARTIES (UGANDA AND THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT) ARE

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BEING QUITE FORTHCOMING AND, IF NOTHING ELSE, THE RPF'S APPARENT INTRANSIGENCE MAKES THE ORGANIZATION LOOK BAD.

2. DUSAIDI RESPONDED THAT HE WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR OF CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES AS HE THOUGHT THE MATTER HAD BEEN SETTLED. IN ANY EVENT, HE SAID, THE RPF DOES NOT COMPLETELY CONTROL THE KAGITUMBA ROAD, HAD SO ADVISED THE ICRC, AND HAD URGED THE ICRC TO GO THROUGH KATUNA. HE SAID THAT THE RPF IS WORRIED THAT IT COULD BE BLAMED FOR "PROBLEMS" THAT DEVELOP THROUGH NO FAULT OF ITS OWN, BUT PROMISED TO CONTACT HIGHER RPF AUTHORITIES AND GET BACK TO US SHORTLY.

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